

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
Match Programme
1996 Replay



Coiste Tiobraid
Arann Thuiadh

MacDonagh Park, Nenagh

Sunday, Sept 15th, 1996

Senior Hurling Final Replay

NEWPORT V LORRHA

5.30. Ref. T. F. Stapleton, Borris-Ileigh

Clar Oifigiuil

Micheál Ó Briain (Runaí)

Luach
50p

Ken Hogan

by S. J. King

This is Ken Hogan's seventeenth year playing championship hurling for Lorrha. He made his debut as a goalkeeper with the team in May 1980 even though all his play had been outfield up to then. It was as a full back he helped Birr Community School to two Leinster Schools' 'A' titles in 1979 and 1980. In the former year the team was beaten by St. Flannan's in the final.

It was only by chance that he became a goalkeeper. In the first round of the 1980 championship against Kilruane, Lorrha's regular goalkeeper, John Shelly, was sent to the line and wasn't available for the next outing against Silvermines at Cloughjordan on May 15th. Brian Mannion became convinced that Ken would make a suitable substitute. As he was only 16 years old at the time, Brian went to see the father, Hubie, and, after some persuasion, secured permission to have Ken play in goals. He duly did, never looked back and has never failed to turn out for that club during the intervening years.

It was a fortuitous development for the young player. His displays with the Lorrha seniors sufficiently impressed the county minor selectors and he was drafted in to the side as the regular goalkeeper and went on to win an All-Ireland minor medal. His outstanding ability was recognised at the end of the year when he was given the Player of the Year award because "his consistent top class displays in goal for county and club made him an automatic choice".

Ken progressed to the county under-21 team in 1982 and was goalkeeper in 1983 and 1984 as well. The team won a Munster final in 1983 only to succumb to Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final. In Centenary Year there was the disappointment of losing the All-Ireland to Kilkenny. In the same year Ken had the added disappointment of losing the county final when Lorrha were beaten by Moycarkey-Borris.

It was obvious that Ken's talent would soon receive higher recognition and this came in 1987. The new management had taken over for the 1986/'87 league and when the panel was announced for the 1987 championship debut against Kerry, Ken was named as goalie. From then until he retired from inter-county hurling after defeat by Clare in the 1994 championship, he never missed a championship outing for Tipperary, playing twenty six in all and winning five Munster titles, two All-Irelands and two National leagues.

Is he satisfied with the achievements of these years? "I suppose I'm not. As a team we did not win enough. Thinking back I think we should have won another All-Ireland. Maybe it was we hadn't the necessary ruthlessness or, perhaps, the greatness to win a third. We lacked the consistency of performance required to win. And yet, when you put our achievements into a wider perspective our lot was not dissimilar to that of Galway, Cork and Kilkenny over the same period. They also found it difficult to win a third".

There were a number of highlights during these years. One of the most memorable was playing in the Munster final, the replay and the extra time. Killarney was magical and it



recalled for him another great occasion for Tipperary in 1949 when another Lorrha man, Tony Reddin, was in goals. That great year was capped for him by winning an All-Star award.

The winning of the league in 1988 against Offaly was particularly pleasing. Living so close to the county, having gone to school in Birr and knowing most of his opponents made the victory something special. Naturally, the All-Irelands are highlights, especially when beating Limerick, Cork – after two games – Galway and Kilkenny on the way to victory in 1991.

There were also disappointments. One of the most bitter was losing the 1988 All-Ireland. It was his first senior All-Ireland and defeat was particularly painful. Another lowlight was the loss of the 1992 league final against Limerick, after enjoying a substantial lead at half time.

Reflecting on this defeat he believes it was the beginning of the decline of the team, a crack in its invincibility. It was the first time they had been troubled by Limerick and the team went on to lose to Cork in the first round of the championship in Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

Since 1994 Ken has confined his hurling to Lorrha but has continued his involvement with the county team in the role of selector. He is particularly pleased with Lorrha's progress this year after an inauspicious start. Winning another North championship today would be tremendously pleasing and would put Lorrha in the proper frame of mind for county championship, the Holy Grail that had eluded Lorrha up to now.



LORRHA v Toomevara. North Tipp. semi-final 1991.



1992: The members of the Newport U-16 football team (and subs) winners of the North Tipperary championship 'A'. Cormac Gleeson, Kenneth O'Brien, Mark Lenihan, Paddy Ryan, John O'Toole, Cyril O'Neill, Brian Coffey, Owen Bonfield, Christopher Ryan, Paddy Lenihan, John Caplice, Sean O'Gorman, Thomas Clifford, Richard Collins, Warren Flanagan, Trevor Delahunty, Thomas Moylan, and their mascot, Conor O'Mahony.

THREE GAMES - Lorrha v Borrisokane 1953

On May 2nd Lorrha drew with Borrisokane on a scoreline of 3-3 to 3-3 in the first round of the North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship. The sides were level at half time 2-2 each and victory seemed certain for the home side, before Guinan of Lorrha shot for goal to bring the sides level. Tom Carroll, Knockshegowna was the referee.

Four weeks later with Borrisokane again the venue, Borrisokane's Son Kelly equalised from a free to bring the scoreline 3-7 each. Lorrha led by 2-5 to 1-4 at half time with M. O'Meara and P Guinan getting the goals. Guinan added a third in the second half. Despite conceding three goals Tony Reddan in the Lorrha goal was in rampant mood. Interestingly there was no extra time and so both teams would return to Borrisokane again on June 7th. Lorrha were led at half time 0-1 to 0-3 and their sides first goal came from a Tony Reddan long range free which defied Willie Starr in the Borris goal.

Lorrha's second goal came in the last minute through Tom Duffy to bring the final score Lorrha 2-2 - Borrisokane 0-4.

Referee: Phil Ryan, Borris-Ileigh.

P.S.: Lorrha later lost to Kilruane in the area final by 5-4 to 2-5.

Recalling Lorrha v Newport 1987 (July 28th).

Lorrha defeated Newport in the final of the U/12 Hurling B Championship by 5-6 to 1-0. The game was held in Nenagh's MacDonagh Park. Pauric Madden was captain of the team which lined out as follows:

1. Trevor Hogan; 2. Raymond Donoghue; 3. Brendan Liffey; 4. Pat Reddan; 5. Noel Ryan; 6. Pauric Madden; 7. Oliver Gleeson; 8. Declan Molloy 1-0; 9. Stephen Hogan 0-2; 10. Alan Dolan, R.I.P.; 11. Donal Ryan 2-0; 12. Arthur Needham 2-0; 13. Paul Darcy; 14. Evan Harding; 15. Seamie Sullivan 0-3.

150 Minutes

Both Lorrha and Newport needed two and a half hours hurling to decide who would progress further in the North Tipp senior hurling league after they met in a play off in May of 1994.

The sides drew Newport 2-22 to Lorrha's 4-16 on Friday 13th while two days later they had to meet again when this time Newport emerged winners by 2-12 to 1-13.

The winners led by 1-7 to 0-9 at half time.

Newport: Ger Floyd, Timmie Jones, D. J. O'Brien, Barry Gleeson, Joe O'Brien, Cecil Ryan 0-1, Denis Collins, Martin McCabe, Tom Moylan, Peter Coleman 1-2, John Keating 0-3, Ger Carney 0-3 (frees), John O'Mahoney 0-2, Ger Bradley, Kieran Buckley 1-1. Subs: Connie McGrath for Bradley; Eddie Quigley for Collins.

Lorrha: Ken Hogan, Gerry O'Sullivan, Tom Madden, Hubert Hogan, Michael Kinsella, Cathal McIntyre 0-2 (65s), Martin Younge, John McIntyre, 0-1, Stephen Hogan 0-2, Michael O'Meara, Aidan McIntyre, Noel Hogan 0-5 (0-3 frees), Declan Molloy 0-2, John Sherlock, Pat Kennedy 1-1.

Referee: Martin Healy

T.V. Highlights

Highlights of the match on the Munster Game - Irish Multichannel, Channel 11 (Discovery). Suir-Nore T.N.T. Channel.



NEWPORT U-16 team, County 'B' hurling champions 1993. Back: Aidan O'Gorman, Michael Carroll, James Collins, Richard Collins, John O'Toole, Tom Clifford. Front: Donncha Houlihan, Paddy Lenihan, Kenneth O'Brien, Martin McLoughlin, Brendan Bradley, Eoin Bonfield, Derek O'Neill, Paddy Ryan.

A tale of two fields

Newport GAA Club is now in the happy position of having two playing pitches, both with full and modern facilities to cater for the needs of the young people of the parish. The club's headquarters has undergone a major facelift and development work should be completed within the next few months. Cragg Field (best known locally as The Longhouse) has emerged from a period of redundancy and has, this year, proved to be a major asset.

LACKEN PARK: Referred to simply as "The Park", Páirc Uí Riain in Newport is a renowned landmark in the locality. The impressive frontage is immediately striking. Páirc Cuimhneacháin Pádraig Uí Riain (to give it its full title) commemorates one of Newport's greatest sons, Paddy Ryan (Lacken) who failed from Knockfune, at the foot of Keeper Hill.

Paddy was born in 1898 into a family whose ancestors were associated with every national movement. One of his uncles Canon M. K. Ryan was chairman of Tipperary County Board (1917-1924) and was instrumental in the purchase of Thurles Sportsfield (now Semple Stadium) in 1910 – the new stand in Thurles bears his name (Ardán Uí Riain).

Paddy Ryan (L) was one of Tipperary's most noted freedom fighters, being one of the most 'wanted men' in the area in 1920-'21. He was elected to the Dáil in 1923, although he did not serve in that capacity. He emigrated to the USA in 1929, where he was a successful businessman until his untimely death in 1944.

Lacken Park was officially opened on Sunday 21st May 1950. Two games marked the occasion – Silvermines defeated Murroe and Tipperary senior hurlers beat Limerick. The opening ceremony was performed by Dr. Andy Cooney, an old comrade-in-arms of Paddy Ryan and the field was blessed by Very Rev. T. Mulvihill, P.P. Admission to the games was one shilling, with one shilling extra to the sideline. A specially produced programme was sold for 6 pence.

Dressing rooms were added in the late 'sixties. These still adequately serve the players of the club but soon a new era will dawn. The new building will house a large meeting room, kitchen, storeroom, toilets, referee's room and facilities and two spacious dressing rooms and showers.

This development will be further enhanced with the fine viewing stand completed two years ago. Páirc Uí Riain will shortly be a venue to equal the best in the region.

THE LONG HOUSE: On Saturday 3rd June 1931 a notice appeared in *The Guardian* in which the members of Mulcaire Rovers Hurling Club conveyed their thanks to C. M. Going, Cragg for placing such a lovely field at their disposal. This was the first official reference to the Longhouse Field, although it was being used for training for a number of years. With Mr. Going's permission it was also to become the venue of many important games. When the Going Estate was eventually divided by the Land Commission in 1946, the Mulcaire Rovers Club was given the field on payment of £84.

The venue continued to be the headquarters of the club until it had to be disbanded in 1959 when the parish rule came into force. The field was used intermittently over the next three decades. Reseeding and levelling was carried out in 1994 and a modern dressing room and showers were completed earlier this year. The Longhouse is remembered by the older generation as being a very fast field, ideal for ground hurling. It's good to see it hosting such activity again. It relieves much of the pressure on the Newport field and has proved a very valuable asset for training and challenge games already this year.



MEMBERS of the 1978 U-14 and U-16 hurling teams present at a function in January 1979. Front: Eamon Maher, Thomas Ryan (B), Sean O'Brien, Timmy Jones, Liam Shinnars, Christy Hogan, Harry Ryan, Michael Jones, Thomas Guilfoyle. Middle: Martin Ryan (L), Denis Lenihan, Damien Ryan, Anthony Floyd, Martin Seymour, Ger O'Neill, D. J. O'Brien, Michael Ryan (Ashroe). Back: Ger Bradley, Anthony Fitzgerald, Ger O'Brien, John Keating, Pat Ryan, Larry McGrath, William Carroll, Seamus Ryan, Con Keating, John Coffey.

Assaulted by a bicycle pump

Lorrha played Nenagh in an intermediate hurling championship match in 1944. During that game a Nenagh supporter was struck on the head by a bicycle pump. Nenagh refused to continue and Lorrha claimed the match.

The North Board granted a replay but Lorrha objected and appealed to the County Board. Both Hubie Hogan and Mick Brophy travelled by bicycle to Thurles from Rathcabbin (45 miles) only to see their appeal thrown out because the envelope containing the appeal was not addressed in Irish. The two delegates cycled home again.

JUST ONE DRAW

Lorrha played five game in the 1979 senior hurling championship, losing all bar one in which they drew with Silvermines on a scoreline of 2-10 to 1-13. The championship was run on a league basis and Lorrha were also grouped with Kilruane MacDonaghs, Moneygall, Borris-Ileigh and Roscrea.

1979 DISASTER FOR NEWPORT

In 1979 Newport lost to Burgess and Toomevara before giving two walk-overs to Shannon Rovers and Nenagh Éire Óg in what could be termed as a disaster of a year for them. Subsequently, they were regraded to intermediate ranks the following year along with Shannon Rovers, Toomevara and Burgess.

The spirit of the mountain men

*Ye gentleman of Ireland who stand upon the sod
Where once your gallant ancestors in pride and freedom trod
Have you no thought or feeling high that marked your noble race
In word or look or deed may we that regal lineage trace?*

*Upon Ciamálta's mountain, whose head is white with years
What thrilling cries have mingled with the clashing of the spears,
On every spot of Irish ground bright memories start and throng
That is a golden treasure still to Irish hearts belong*

The long line of hills that stretch between Newport and the Devil's Bit culminate at its western terminal in the great cone of Sliabh Ciamálta that towers over the intervening slopes of the Silvermines.

From its summit on a fine day the sight is indeed rewarding. Away in the blue distance can be seen the Sliabh Bloom Mountains, the broad expanse of Lough Derg and the Clare Hills far off on the Galway border. The Shannon can be traced through Killaloe and Castleconnell down to the clearly outlined spires and chimneys of Limerick and out to the horizon of the widening estuary.

On the other side lie the rising heights of the Sliabh Phelim range with the town of Newport nestling snugly in the valley between.

It is a noble vista of an historic countryside, recalling to the mind memories of the battles between the Dal gCais and the Danes, of Brian Boru, of Owen Roe O'Neill's march, of Cromwell, of Sarsfield's Ride and of Ginkle's journey with the siege train.

It is a sight to stir the blood, to gladden the heart and to inspire the soul.

It was to this hill country above Newport that many of the old chiefs of Ormond came to seek refuge when the Cromwellan settlers dispossessed them of their lands.

This area was then thickly populated for the first time. A proud people, driven from their rich pasture lands to eke out a livelihood on a rugged, mountainous terrain, the founded a hardy race that became known as 'the mountainy men'.

They reclaimed the grudging mountainside, cultivated the soil and today, perched along the valley's sides are the fine farmsteads that they carved out for themselves and their families.

The unending toil, the constant battle with the hostile environment and the harsh winters, that brought snowfalls which often left them isolated for months in their remote homesteads, nurtured an unquenchable, never-say-die spirit and an unremitting resilience to hardship in the mountainy men.

Strong in character, erect in bearing, steely determined, with a long purposeful stride, features chiselled by the elements, a quick wit, a warm smile and a friendly handshake are distinguishing features of the mountain man. The bearer of a proud lineage and a rich heritage, he stands tall among his fellow countrymen.

That unyielding spirit is epitomised today in big-striding Con McGrath who leads out his team as they strive to bring the Frank McGrath Cup back to Cahir Hills, Cully's Mountain bare and *Dear Old Newport Town*.



REFEREE and his officials for the drawn North Tipp final. From left: Liam Stapleton, Peter Kennedy, T. F. Stapleton, Peadar Fahey, John Keane with in front linesmen John Keane, Jnr. and Darragh Rabbitte.

Championship Top 20 scorers to date

by DAMIEN HAYES

Top 16 scorers in the North Tipp Senior Hurling. 16 championships to date.

	Player	Club	Score	Total	No of Games
1	John Doughan	Moneygall	1-36 (1-24 frees)	39 pts	5
2	Dinny Ryan	Newport	2-19 (0-3 frees)	25 pts	5
3	Ger Bradley	Newport	0-21 (0-20)	21 pts	5
4	John Madden	Lorrha	0-18 (0-11)	18 pts	2
5	Chris Bonner	Nenagh Eire Og	1-11 (0-6)	14 pts	3
6	Conor Stakelum	Borris-Ileigh	1-9 (0-8)	12 pts	2
7	Ml. Cleary	Nenagh Eire Og	0-12 (0-7)	12 pts	5
8	Liam Fallon	Roscrea	0-10 (0-3)	10 pts	2
9	Connie McGrath	Newport	2-4 (0-10)	10 pts	5
10	Kevin McCormack	Toomevara	2-3 (1-3 frees)	9 pts	1

LORRHA

REFEREE: T.F.

Umpires: Liam Stapleton, Peter Kennedy, John Keane, Pea

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Ken Hogan

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Tom Madden Donal O'Donoghue Denis Duffy

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Pauric Madden John McIntyre Cathal McIntyre

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Declan O'Meara
(Captain)

David Haughton

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Noel Hogan Michael O'Meara Pat Kennedy

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14

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Stephen Hogan Ger Sullivan Ml. Coen

Subs: 16 John Madden. 17. Colm Haughton. 18. Martin Younge. 19. Hubert Hogan. 20. Aidan McIntyre. 21. Fr. John Oakley. 22. Brendan Liffey. 23. John Cleary. 24. James O'Meara. 25. T.P. O'Sullivan. 26. Vincent Liffey, 27, John Guinan, 28 Trevor Hogan.

Manager: Tom Kennedy. **Selectors:** Kieran Hough, Eamon Maher.

Coach/Trainer: Paddy Doyle.

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NEWPORT

STAPLETON.

dar Fahey. **Linesmen:** Darragh Rabbitte, John Keane Jnr.

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Ger Floyd

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Timmie Jones

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D. J. O'Brien

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Liam Jones

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Barry Gleeson

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Aidan O'Gorman

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Martin McCabe

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Tom Moylan

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Pat Keating

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Ger Bradley

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Connie McGrath
(Captain)

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John Ryan

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Gerry Moloney

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John O'Mahoney

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Dinny Ryan

Subs: 16 Eoin Bonfield. 17. Peter Coleman. 18. Kieran Buckley. 19. P.J. O'Rourke. 20. Kenneth O'Brien. 21. John Keating. 22. Ger Carey. 23. Paddy Ryan. 24. Denis Hickey. 25. Ml. Coffey. 26. Brian Coffey.

Team Manager: Tim Floyd.

Selectors: Martin Ryan, Eddie Quigley.

Coach/Trainer: Colm Honan, Paudie Butler.

atch, read **The Guardian**, this Wednesday



NEWPORT J.H. team, North Tipp league finalists, 1996. Back: Tom Clifford, Michael Coffey, P. J. O'Rourke, Gerry Moloney, Larry McGrath, John Keating, Liam Jones, Michael Coffey, David O'Donoghue, Paddy Ryan, Con Keating, Ed. Quigley, Cecil Ryan, Tim Floyd. **Front:** Tony O'Brien, Kenneth O'Brien, Paddy Lenihan, David Hickey, Kieran Buckley, Eoin Bonfield, Michael Shanahan, Martin Ryan, Timmy Jones.

Newport scorers to date in the North Tipp Senior Hurling Championship of 1996

1. Denis Ryan, 2-19, 25 pts.
2. Ger Bradley, 0-21, 21 pts.
3. Connie McGrath, 2-4, 10 pts.
4. Ger Moloney, 2-3, 9 pts.
5. John O'Mahoney, 2-2, 5 pts.
6. Kieran Buckley, 1-0, 3 pts.
7. Pat Keating, 0-3, 3 pts - Tom Moylan 0-2.
8. Liam Jones, 0-1, 1 pt.

Lorrha Top Scorers to date

1. John Madden, 0-18, 18 pts.
2. Pat Kennedy, 0-8, 8 pts.
3. Cathal McIntyre, 0-9, 9 pts.
4. Noel Hogan, 0-6, 6 pts.
5. Ger Sullivan, 1-1, 4 pts.
6. Ml. O'Meara, 0-4, 4 pts.
7. David Moylan, 0-2, 2. Pts. Ml. Coen, 0-2, 2 pts.
8. John McIntyre, 0-1, 1. Stephen Hogan 0-1, 1 pt. Ken Hogan 0-1, 1 pt. Declan O'Meara, 0-1, 1. Aidan McIntyre, 0-1, 1.



DAVID RYAN, captain of Nenagh Éire Óg U-14 team receives the North hurling championship trophy from Connie Grace, chairman of Bord na nOg. Photo: B. Delaney.

Three games again – Lorrha v Éire Óg 1966

The final score read 3-8 each in a highly entertaining game at Cloughjordan on Sunday, June 19th 1966.

A place in the semi-final was at stake. Paddy Madden at corner forward scored 2-1 and his side led by 3-3 to 2-4 at half time. Borris-Ileigh's Michael Prior was the referee.

The replay was fixed for Roscrea on July 17th. Paddy Madden scored two goals again but it was Jim Lane who scored the equaliser. Extra time should have been played but referee Michael Carey stated that he forgot to instruct the teams to remain on the field.

So Lorrha and Nenagh travelled to Roscrea again on July 31st with Michael Carey again as the referee. Played on a rain-soaked pitch Lorrha clearly emerged as the better team.

Both sides were level at half time, Nenagh 2-3, Lorrha 1-6. Jim Lane scored a goal, soon after the resumption followed by a spectacular Wilsey Morris sidecut which yielded a point. "Fenor" Ryan added another goal which signalled the end for Nenagh.

This win for Lorrha gave them the chance to go further in the championship. The year of 1966 was a great year for Lorrha!

Draws and Replays

1986 - 96

In the years 1986 to 96 (inclusive) there has been at least 100 plus championship games played. No less than eighteen of those games have ended in a draw which included last Sunday's drawn final. When both sides meet today it will be the nineteenth replay. The nineteen replays as against eighteen draws comes about as a result of Lorrha and Toomevara meeting on three occasions in 1992.

Indeed it will be the ninth replay involving Lorrha in this period with Toomevara their nearest rival with six occasions. Newport will be involved in their fourth replay today.

Listed below is the number of teams involved in replays plus the full results of those games.

1st., Lorrha, 9. 2nd., Toomevara, 6. 3rd., Moneygall, 5. 4th., Newport, 4. 5th., Borrisokane, 3. 6th., Shannon Rovers, 2; Kilruane MacDonagh, 2; Nenagh Eire Og, 2. Borris-Ileigh, 2. 7th., Roscrea, 1; Burgess, 1; Portroe, 1.

RESULTS - 1986:

June 8th., Rd. 1.	Borrisokane 2-8 - Moneygall 2-8, Nenagh.
June 29th: (R)	Borrisokane 3-8 - Moneygall 0-12, Cloughjordan.
July 13th:	Losers Group Final - Nenagh Eire Og 1-11 - Lorrha 2-8, Borrisokane.
July 27th:	(R) Nenagh Eire Og 2-7 - Lorrha 1-9, Cloughjordan.

1987:

Aug. 23rd: Semi-Final: - Lorrha	2-13 - Toomevara 1-16, at Cloughjordan.
Sept. 13th: (R)	Lorrha 2-22, Toomevara 4-15, A.E.T. at Nenagh.

1989:

May 21st., Rd 1:	Shannon Rovers 2-9 - Lorrha 0-15, Cloughjordan.
May 28th: (R)	Shannon Rovers 1-6 - Lorrha 1-14, Cloughjordan.

1990:

May 27th Losers group:	Borris-Ileigh 1-11, Shannon Rovers 0-14, Cloughjordan.
June 17th: (R)	Borris-Ileigh 0-19 - Shannon Rovers 2-9, Nenagh.

1991:

June 16th: Rd. 1:	Newport 3-6 - Borrisokane 0-15, Nenagh.
June 23rd: (R):	Newport 2-11 - Borrisokane 1-11, Nenagh.
Aug. 11th. Losers Group Final:	Kilruane 1-10, Borrisokane 1-0, Nenagh.
Aug. 18th: (R):	Kilruane 1-9 - Borrisokane 0-9, Nenagh.
Sept. 22nd: North Final:	Toomevara 0-12 - Nenagh Eire Og 0-12, Cloughjordan.
Sept. 29th: (R):	Toomevara 2-11, Nenagh Eire Og 2-7, Cloughjordan.

1992:

June 14th: Prelim Rd:	Borris-Ileigh 0-17, Toomevara 2-11, Cloughjordan.
June 21: (R)	Borris-Ileigh 3-11, Toomevara 1-15, Cloughjordan.
Aug 9th: Semi-Final:	Lorrha 2-9, Toomevara 0-15, Nenagh.
Aug 16th: (R):	Lorrha 3-13 - Toomevara 1-19, A.E.T., Nenagh.
Aug 22nd: (R):	Lorrha 2-7 - Toomevara 1-5, Nenagh.

1993:

July 25: Semi-Final:
 Aug. 15: Semi-Final (R):

Moneygall 1-14 - Roscrea 1-14, at Cloughjordan.
 Moneygall 2-12 - Roscrea 0-10, at Cloughjordan.

1994:

May 28th., Rd: 1:
 June 4th., R.
 July 3rd: Quarter Final:
 July 17th: (R):

Moneygall 1-13 - Burgess 3-7, at Nenagh.
 Moneygall 1-13 - Burgess 0-6, at Nenagh.
 Toomevara 2-8 - Lorrha 1-11, at Roscrea.
 Toomevara 1-14 - Lorrha 1-10, at Nenagh.

1995:

May 28th: Rd 1:
 June 6th: (R):
 July 2nd: Losers Group:
 July 16th: (R):
 July 2nd - Losers Group:
 July 16th. (R):

Newport 1-9 - Lorrha 0-12, at Cloughjordan.
 Newport 0-11 - Lorrha 0-10, at Nenagh.
 Moneygall 1-5, Lorrha 0-8, at Nenagh.
 Moneygall 0-12 - Moneygall 0-10, at Nenagh.
 Kilruane MacD. 3-11 - Portroe 1-17, at Nenagh.
 Kilruane MacD. 4-6 - Portroe 2-11 at Nenagh.

1996:

Aug. 11th - North Semi-Final:
 Aug. 18th: North Semi-Final (R):
 Sept. 8th: North Final:

Newport 1-15, Moneygall 1-15, at Nenagh.
 Newport 2-12 - Moneygall 1-12, at Nenagh.
 Newport 1-9 - Lorrha 0-12, at Nenagh.

(R) Sept. 15th. Re. Newport - Lorrha, Nenagh.....



SURVIVORS from Newport's lone North SHC title in 1935 pictured at the drawn match Jimmy "Butler" Coffey and Mick Madden.



Lorrha junior hurling team captain Sakie O'Brien is surrounded by delightful supporters after the club's win in the 1966 North Tipperary final.

Two goal hero

Newport's centre half back Aidan O'Gorman scored two goals in his sides (87) U/12 hurling B semi-final victory over Ballina/Ballinahinch at Nenagh on Monday July 20th. Newport won by 5-7 to 4-2 and Aidan lined out at left corner forward.

Three North Final Draws

Strangely only three North Finals have ended in a draw throughout the history of North Tipp hurling finals. The first was in 1980 when Roscrea held the champions Kilruane MacDonaghs to a 1-9 to 0-12 scoreline. In the replay Roscrea won 5-6 to 2-12.

Two years later Roscrea were involved in a North Final again where they finished even steven with Nenagh Eire Og 3-8 to 0-17. This time there was no replay for reasons best unmentioned.

Nenagh Eire Og were back in a North Final again nine years later. This time there was a replay when the light blues lost to Toomevara by 2-11 to 2-7 after both sides finished level at 0-12 each in the first game.



NORTH Final Day 1984. Noel Morris, North Board chairman; Tony Reddin, guest of honour; Gerry Long, referee.

Let's go to Offaly

In 1925 Lorrha sought to affiliate with the Offaly County Board even though they had already affiliated to the North Tipperary Board. One of the reasons for affiliating was financial. It was costing the club too much in travelling expenses to play in North Tipperary and all the club had received from the North Board over ten years was £7.10s.0d. The Offaly County Board sent the application to the Leinster Council for ratification but that's as far as it got.

Eamon Maher returns

After a period of retirement from senior hurling, Eamon Maher of Lorrha returned to don the Lorrha senior jersey once again in 1990 when he lined out against Newport at centre back. One year earlier Eamon was team manager with Lorrha's successful senior team. (Won North Final that year). Of course today Eamon is a selector once again.

County Player of the Year

Two Lorrha players have been honoured as Tipperary Hurler of the Year - John McIntyre took the award in 1984, while Ken Hogan achieved the distinction in '88.

Newport connection

Newport's distinguishable club secretary Denis Floyd was the referee in Lorrha's semi-final defeat against Roscrea in 1981.

Three year's later Denis was on hand again when on this occasion he presented the Frank McGrath Cup to Lorrha captain Kieran Hough. As you know Denis Floyd was the North Tipp Board Chairman in Centenary Year.



Liam Doran, *The Guardian* presents Dinny Ryan (Newport) with the Guardian Trophy as Hurler of the Year in North Tipp in 1988.

Masters

Both Liam King and Kieran Hough were on the successful Tipperary team that won the All-Ireland Masters in 1992. They had the distinction of being the oldest and youngest members of the panel.

Newport - needed a win

Going into the last round of North Tipp. Senior Hurling Championship of 197 Newport, Lorrha and Borris-Ileigh were in joint first place, on four points each. Borris-Ileigh defeated Burgess to give them a place in the semi-final, while Lorrha just pipped Newport by 1-12 to 3-5 in which case the latter made their exit from the championship. Earlier they had defeated Nenagh Eire Og and Borris-Ileigh.

Four Wins

In 1974 Newport defeated Toomevara, Burgess, Borris-Ileigh and Moneygall before losing to eventual North champions, Silvermines. It was the sides second loss to the 'mines in that year. In round 4, 3-14 to 2-7 was the final scoreline, while in the semi, Silvermines increased their tally on a scoreline of 4-15 to 2-3.



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